

CLOSURE ON SILVER.

MR. BLAND'S RULE PROBABLY TO APPEAR TO-MORROW OR TUESDAY.

Outlook as to its chances of success and as to the chances of the Bland bill itself.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, March 26.—Word was received to-day from Mr. Catelings that he will reach the city Monday. When he returns a rule to bring the silver bill to a vote will be adopted by the Rules Committee, and will make its appearance in the House on Monday or Tuesday. The anti-silver Democrats are making a big fight to defeat the bill, and are hopeful of success, but from present indications the chances are against them. They have the support of some Democrats who would not vote directly against a free-coinage bill, but on the other hand there is a considerable number of Republicans who will probably vote for the rule or vote at all which would have the same effect in order to force a square test vote on the question of free coinage. These men will vote against a free-coinage bill when it comes up on its merits, but are against side-tracking the bill.

Mr. Reed, Mr. Dingley, and others in favor of voting against the silver bill in all its parliamentary stages from now on, but Mr. Burrows, Mr. Henderson of Iowa, Mr. Hopkins of Illinois, and other western Republicans, with some eastern Democrats, are making a big fight. The silver question, they say, was as much an issue as anything else in the West, and they insist that the Democrats in the West who have been attacking the Republican bill shall come out squarely and record themselves for or against free coinage.

THE RULE WILL PROBABLY CARRY.
It is practically conceded that the rule will carry in the House, provided the Republicans, as a party, do not oppose its adoption. The probabilities are that if the rule is adopted, the anti-silver Democrats will be forced to vote in support of a side-tracking of the silver question. The anti-silver Democrats intend to move a substitute in the nature of a motion to the conference to postpone the matter until after the next presidential election. When the question comes up on the passage of the Bland bill, however, there is no doubt as to the fact that the Republicans will stand, and there will then be an alliance between the anti-silver Democrats and all except nine of the Republicans.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE BILL UNFAVORABLE.
Mr. Fuston, of Kansas, and Mr. Vincent A. Taylor, of Ohio, who have heretofore voted with the free-coinage men, will vote against the bill. The anti-silver Democrats assert that they can win the fight on its merits, but by a narrow majority. The free-coinage men have been able to secure a considerable number of votes in their ability to pass a free-coinage measure through the House, and are endeavoring to have even more votes on the present bill. The vote is taken, and they fully realize the fact that not a vote can be spared. A number of the free-coinage men, however, are not so sure of the result and expect defeat by from one to five votes. They say that all their men are not to be absolutely relied upon, and that it would not be wise to rely on the support of a few of their votes should be lost. They say their greatest strength, however, lies in an absolutely direct vote, and that the men disposed to vote on the bill, on the other hand, may feel constrained to stand in line.

Mr. Pierce, of Tennessee, said this afternoon that he thought the silver men would win by a vote of 100 to 100 on an issue on the Bland bill itself. Mr. Warner, of New York, on the contrary, expressed the belief that the silver bill could not pass the House, was dying, but dying very hard, he added.
Speaker Crisp said this afternoon that he did not think the rule could be brought into the House and called up on Monday, but that it would probably come up on Tuesday.

CAROLINIANS AGAINST FREE COINAGE.
WILMINGTON, N. C., March 26.—At a meeting of the State Legislature, held to-day the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That we are opposed to the passage of the free-coinage bill now before Congress, and that we consider further action of the subject at this time as unwise and imprudent. It is the duty of the measure would bring no relief to our farmers or to any other class of our citizens; that it would unsettle finance and depreciate values, and that it seems plausible only to those who expect some thing for nothing or who have not realized that every honest dollar represents a dollar's worth of labor.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 26.—The lower house of the State Legislature to-day adopted a bill to make the silver dollar a legal tender in Iowa, requiring of loan and trust companies to make good on their obligations to be made in gold.

GAMES OF BASE-BALL ARRANGED.
The Senators to Play To-Morrow, the Phillies Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Boston on Saturday.

Yesterday was a miserable day for thirty or more baseballists registered at Ford's Hotel, and as they restlessly paced the lobby it was quite apparent that they were thoroughly wretched.
The rain prevented the game which was to have taken place between the Giants and the Washingtons, and the postponement of the game has not been a disappointment, as the result was awaited with eagerness.

The Senators, who have been playing practice games in the National Academy, and Charleston, for some days past, arrived here yesterday morning. There are sixteen in the party, and the following are the players: E. W. Hov, G. A. Wood, F. Radford, H. Richardson, L. Larkin, J. Dolan, H. Gastright, J. E. Hov, J. Kilgus, James McGuire, J. Milligan, and C. E. Duffee.

WILL NOT BE LAST.
The team, which is now in excellent trim, has been greatly strengthened for the season, and it will be their purpose hereafter to repudiate that distasteful sobriquet—the "fallenders" which clung to them last summer. While on their recent southern trip the Senators played four games with the Philadelphia and captured one of them. They are a fine-looking set of fellows, and unusually "dressed" for base-balls.

The Washingtons and Giants will meet at Island Park to-morrow afternoon, and each club will put up their strongest men.

THE PHILLIES TO BE HERE.
On Tuesday and Wednesday the New Yorks will play the Philadelphia club, who have also recently been on a southern trip. The following are the Quaker City players: Keefe, W. Eyring, Esper, and Thompson, pitcher; Connor, first base; Hallman, second base; Reilly, third base; Allen, short-stop; Hamilton, left field; Delehanty, center field; Thompson, right field.

The Giants will leave Richmond Wednesday night. They will spend to-day in viewing the sights of interest in the city.

WILL HAVE TO PAY LICENSE.
Yesterday Manager Powers was informed by one of the officers of the Commissioner of the Revenue's office that a club would be required to pay a license of \$10 for the games they played last week, and that should the money not be forthcoming by Monday morning, the sum would have to be doubled. Mr. Powers was much surprised at the information, as he has not been in the habit of paying licenses in such cities as he has visited. He says the Giants, who have not begun to make expenses in Richmond, have left a considerable amount of cash here, as there are twenty-five or thirty in the party and all of them spend their money freely. As far as the money is concerned, he has no objection to paying it, provided the tax is a just one.

THE BOSTONS ON SATURDAY.
The famous Boston club will be here next Saturday, and their appearance on the field will be a considerable attraction. The team is composed of their own men and three or four outsiders. The following is the batting order for this occasion:
Bostons—Long, short-stop; Drury, center field; Stover, left field; McGee, right field; Nash, third base; Tucker, first base; Quinn, second base; Bennett, catcher; Nichols, pitcher.

Picked for the team, right field: Stovett, center field; Staley, pitcher; Stanzell, catcher; O'Rourke, left field; Kelly, first base; Lowe, third base; Kain, short-stop; Napier, second base.
The club will make their headquarters at Ford's Hotel.

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